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WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA — A 52-year-old Wheeling, West Virginia resident was sentenced on July 21, 2005, in United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia in Wheeling by Judge Frederick P. Stamp, Jr.

United States Attorney Thomas E. Johnston announced that RAYMOND C. ASBURY, of 33 33rd Street, Wheeling, was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment to be followed by three years supervised release, pursuant to an earlier entered plea of guilty. ASBURY entered a plea of guilty on May 27, 2005, to one count of an Indictment. Specifically, ASBURY, who had previously been convicted of a felony offense of unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, knowingly possessed, in and affecting interstate commerce, a .22 caliber Prazisions Karabiner rifle and a .22 caliber Wards Westerfield, Model 85 rifle on March 29, 2005, in Wheeling.

The case was prosecuted under the *Project Safe Homes* United States Attorney David J. Perri. The case was investigated Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, with assistance from Department.



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